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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES (a copy of which is enclosed), mailed November 1, 2000. A petition for an extension of one month in which to respond which authorizes the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Applicants enclose herewith the sequence listing in computer readable form (*i.e.*, a diskette) as well as a paper copy. Also enclosed is a verified statement that the sequence listing does not include matter which goes beyond the content of the Application as filed and that the information recorded on the diskette is identical to the written sequence listing.

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- On page 3, line 15, insert -- (SEQ ID NO:1) -- immediately after "Pro".
- On page 4, line 12, insert -- (SEQ ID NO:2) -- immediately after "Arg".
- On page 5, line 17, insert -- (SEQ ID NO:3) -- immediately after "Arg,".
- On page 22, line 24, insert -- (SEQ ID NO:4) -- immediately after "Ile)".
- On page 14, line 4, insert -- (SEQ ID NO:5) -- immediately after "Ile".
- On page 14, line 7, insert -- (SEQ ID NO:6) -- immediately after "Pro".
- On page 22, line 24, insert -- (SEQ ID NO:4) -- immediately after "Ile)".
- On page 23, line 10, insert -- (SEQ ID NO:2) -- immediately after "Arg".

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